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I am against Microsoft being able to spread it's monopoly by a court ordered settlement. As stated in this web page:  
<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1003-200-7928195.html>

"Under proposed terms of the settlement, Microsoft would donate software, services, training and licenses for reconditioned computers--an array valued at more than \$1 billion--to 14 percent of the nation's poorest schools, said lawyers representing consumer plaintiffs."

Rather than forcing the schools to use the Microsoft OS (and further Microsoft's goals of monopolizing the operating system market), the ruling should allow schools to choose the operating system that best suits the needs of the school and force Microsoft to purchase what the schools say they need. By forcing the schools to use the Microsoft operating system, the schools will be trapped into future purchases of the same system by default. This isn't a punishment, it's a gold mine for Microsoft!

Sincerely,

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